#### REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION REFERRAL

#### TO

#### OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

**DATE:** February 24, 2012

ANALYST: Robin Kelly

I. COMMITTEE: Schiff for Senate

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Andrew Schiff, Treasurer

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П. **RELEVANT STATUTES:** 

11 CFR §104.3(a) and (b)

2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(2) and (4)

#### III. BACKGROUND:

#### Failure to Provide Supporting Schedules (Failure to Disclose All Financial Activity)

Schiff for Senate ("the Committee") amended its 2010 12 Day Pre-Primary, 2010 October Quarterly and 2010 Year End Reports to disclose additional receipts of \$22,458.84 and additional disburgaments of \$242,854.07, which were not reported in the original reports (Attachments 1 and 2).

## 2010 12 Day Pre-Primary Report

On July 29, 2010, the Committee filed the original 2010 12 Day Pre-Primary Report covering the period from July 1, 2010 through July 21, 2010. The report disclosed \$22,396.33 in receipts on Line 11(a)(ii) (Unitemized Contributions from Individuals) of the Detailed Summary Page (Image 10020582830).

On August 12, 2011, the Committee filed an Amended 2010 12 Day Pre-Primary Report. The report disclosed \$23,528.59 in receipts on Line 11(a)(ii) of the Detailed Summary Page, an increase of \$1,132.26 from the original report (Image 11020323880, Attachment 3). The Committee included a cover letter referencing the Amended 2010 12 Day Pre-Primary, 2010 October Quarterly, and 2010 Year End Reports, among other reports, which stated, in part:

"The committee had utilized the expertise of the firm Huckaby, Davis and Lisker until just after the Primary election. After the Primary election loss, the committee was lanking for ways to reduce costs and turned the reporting duties over to a campaign staffer. Unfortunately, that individual did not have the accounting and compliance skills necessary to properly file the FEC Disclosure Reports.

Recently the committee found an individual who was able to prepare amended FEC Reports and tie the cash balances to the bank reconciliations. I have attached the summary workshoots that demonstrate how tits numbers tie together. (Image 11020323877).

#### 2010 October Ouarterly Report

On October 15, 2010, the Committee filed the original 2010 October Quarterly Report covering the period from July 22, 2010 through September 30, 2010. The report disclosed \$130,051.24 in receipts on Line 11(a)(ii) (Uniternized Contributions from Individuals) and \$3,354.41 in receipts on Line 14 (Offsets to Operating Expenditures) of the Detailed Burmanary Page (Image 10029732785). The report also disclosed \$721,591.99 in disbursements on Line 17 (Operating Expenditures) of the Detailed Summary Page (Image 10020732727).

On August 12, 2011, the Committee filed an Amanded 2010 Onther Quarterly Report. The report disclosed \$136,367.53 in receipts on Line 11(a)(ii) and \$3,625.09 in receipts on Line 14 of the Detailed Summary Page, a total increase in receipts of 6,586.97 from the original report (Image 11020323941, Attachment 3). The report also disclosed \$964,756.06 in disbursements on Line 17 of the Detailed Summary Page, an increase of 242,854.97 from the original report (Image 11020323942, Attachment 4).

On September 7, 2011, Scott Mackenzie, a consultant for the Committee, called the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) Analyst stating that the Committee would like so terminate. The RAD Analyst explained the Committee would be reactiving a Request for Additional Information (RFAI) regarding the increased activity disclosed on the Amended 2010 October Querterly Report and that the Committee may be seferred for further action. The Analyst advised Mr. Mackenzie that the Committee would not be eligible for termination until the outstanding matter was resolved (Attachment 5).

On October 6, 2011, an RFAI was sent to the Committee referencing the Amended 2010 October Quarterly Report, received August 12, 2011. The RFAI requested cignification angusting the substantial increase in seceipts and distinguished disclosed on the Amended 2010 October Quarterly Report that were not disclosed in the original filing (Image 11330014444).

On November 17, 2011, the Committee filed a Miscellaneous Text Submission ("Form 99") regarding the increases in activity. In part, the Committee stated:

"The letter is in response to the Commission's Request for Additional Information (fi.FAI) contamined the amended Outshur Quarterly Report (7/22 – 9/30/2010). The report disclosed an increme in the amount of receipts and disbursaments from those on the original report.

The committee had utilized the expertise of the firm Huckaby, Davis and Lisker until just after the Primary election. After the Primary election loss, the committee looked for ways to reduce its costs and turned the reporting duties over to a campaign staffer. Unfortunately, that individual did not have the accounting and compliance skills necessary to properly file the FEC Disclosure Imparts.

In August, the committee found as individual who was able to assist in the preparation of the amended FEC Reports and tie the cash balances to the bank reconciliations. The increased activity was the result of having the reports prepared by someone with knowledge of accounting and FEC Report compliance" (Image 11020462006).

## 2010 Year End Report

On May 11, 2011, the Committee filed the original 2010 Year End Report covering the period from October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. The report disclosed \$1,292.04 in receipts on Line 11(a)(i) (Itemized Contributions from Individuals) and \$781.00 in receipts on Line 11(a)(ii) (Unitemized Contributions from Individuals) of the Detailed Summary Page (Image 11020211543).

On August 12, 2011, the Committee filed an Amended 2010 Year End Report. The report disclosed \$1,550.00 in receipts on Line 11(a)(i) and \$15,262.65 in receipts on Line 11(a)(ii) of the Detailed Summary Page, a total increase in receipts of \$14,739.61 from the original report (Image 11020323969, Attachment 3).

On December 28, 2011, as RFAI was sent to the Committee referencing the Amended 2010 Year End Report, received August 12, 2011. The RFAI requested clarification regarding the substantial increase in receipts disclosed on the Amended 2010 12 Day Pre-Primary and Amended 2010 Year End Reports, received August 12, 2011, that were not disclosed in the original filings (Image 11330017176).

On January 5, 2012, Andrew Schiff, Treasurer, called concerning the receipt of the RFAI dated December 28, 2011, which referenced increases in activity on the Amended 2010 Pre-Primary and 2019 Year End Reports. The Analyst stated that these increases, in addition to the increased activity on the Amended 2010 October Quarterly Report, may be referred for further action. Mr. Schiff stated that the Committee had corrected all the reports and submitted a letter explaining the omissions. The Analyst advised Mr. Schiff that if the Committee would like to submit any additional information to clarify the matter for the public record, they could do so (Attachment 5).

On January 9, 2012, Mr. Mackenzie, called the RAD Analyst. He stated that Mr. Schiff was concerned about the RFAI sent on December 28, 2011, and wanted to know if the Committee should respond further. The Analyst stated the Committee had the option to put additional information on the public record. Mr. Mackenzie stated that the Committee had previously sent in an explanation on how the errors occurred (Attachment 5).

To date, no further communications have been received from the Committee regarding these matters.

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# **Overview of Additional Receipts**

Report Name	Total Additional Receives	Line Number(s)
2010 12 Day Pre-Primary Report/Amended 2010 12 Day Pre-Primary Report, received 8/12/11	\$1,132.26	11(a)(ii)
2010 October Quarterly Report/Amended 2010 October Quarterly Report, received 8/12/11	\$6,586.97	11(a)(ii), 14
2010 Year End Report/Amended 2010 Year End Report, received 8/12/11	\$14,739.61	11(a)(i), 11(a)(ii)
Total Additional Receipts	\$22,458.84	

# Overview of Additional Disbursements

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2010 October Quarterly Report/Amended 2010 October Quarterly Report, received 8/12/11	\$242,854.07	17
Total Additional Disbursements	\$242,854.07	

Total Increase in Activity on Amended Reports: \$265,312.91

# Additional Receipts by Line Number

2010 12 Day Pre-Primary Report/Amended 2010 12 Day Pre-Primary Report, received 8/12/11

		Total Variance:	\$1,132.26
Line 11(a)(ii): Unitemized Contributions from Individuals	\$22,396.33	\$23,528.59	\$1,132.26
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		Total Variance:	\$6,586.97
Line 14: Offsets to Operating Expenditures	\$3,354.41	\$3,625.09	\$270.68
Line 11(a)(ii): Uniternized Contributions from Individuals	\$130,051.24	<b>\$</b> 136,367.53	\$6,316.29
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Line 11(a)(i): Itemized Contributions from Individuals	\$1,292.04	\$1,550.00	\$257.96
Line 11(a)(ii): Unitemized Contributions from Individuals	\$781.00	\$15,262.65	\$14,481.65
		Total Variance:	\$14,739.61

# Additional Disbursements by Line Number 2010 October Quarterly Report/Amended 2010 October Quarterly Report, received 8/12/11

		Total Variance:	\$242,854.07
Line 17: Operating Expenditures	\$721,901.99	\$964,756.06	\$242,854.07
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